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Local Officials, Fire Protection Administrators, and
Library District Administrators in the Thermal Electric
Generating Facilities Impact Area

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**SUBJECT: POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR THE 2006 DISTRIBUTION OF
THERMAL ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES TAX PROCEEDS**

Population estimates for incorporated places, unincorporated areas, fire districts, and library districts within the thermal electric generating facilities impacted area are attached. These population estimates should be used for the 2006 distribution of tax proceeds from the thermal electric generating facilities in accordance with RCW 54.28.055. A map of the thermal electric generating facilities impact area, as defined by RCW 54.28.010(7), is also attached.

Estimate Procedures

The Office of Financial Management uses the Small Area Estimates Program (SAEP) for the 2006 thermal electric generating facility impacted area population estimates. The SAEP is designed to produce population estimates for small areas that do not follow census geographies making it particularly suited for special area estimates. Information about the SAEP can be found at www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/smallarea/.

Population Data

Population estimates for impacted areas are based on fire and library district boundaries from the 2006 Department of Revenue property tax boundaries, current to March 2006. City boundaries were adjusted to include all annexations through February 28, 2006. Library district populations shown in Table 3 reflect the population within library district boundaries as defined in RCW 54.28.055(2), which specifically exclude any incorporated population within library district boundaries.

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Annexations

The thermal electric generating facility impacted area remains one of the fastest growing regions in the state. Pasco grew at a rate of 8.2% between 2004 and 2005 adding 3,350 residents. Kennewick annexed an additional 585 people since February 28, 2005 causing a net loss in Benton county Fire District 1 for 2006.

If you have any questions regarding these figures, please contact Kyle Reese-Cassal at (360) 902-9815 / Kyle.Reese-Cassal@ofm.wa.gov, or Mike Mohrman at (360) 902-0602 / Mike.Mohrman@ofm.wa.gov. You can find the Thermal Electric Generating Facility Impacted Area Population Estimates on our website at www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/special/neba/default.asp.

Attachments

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